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**Quarterly Activity Report
October-December 2008**



Division of Information & Research

Records Branch

EDI Section

Manually Added First Reports:

Claims: **247**

Agreements: **84**

Medical Fee Disputes: **9**

EDI Received: **7,976**

Data Entry Section

Mail Received: **23,159**

Orders: **1,132**

Opinion/Awards: **436**

Docket Orders: **572**



Imaging Branch

Total Sheets Scanned: **388,189**

Equates to:

Total Documents Scanned: **48,733**

Micrographics

Microfilm Requests: **5**

Total Sheets Printed from microfilm: **56,029**

Open Records Section

Written Requests: **2,969**

Walk-In Requests: **2**

Social Security: **128**

Pre-Employment: **2,722**

Fish & Wildlife: **9**

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Administrative Law Judges

Benefit Review Conferences	1,139
Formal Hearings	490
Opinions	420
Remands	17

Appeals Section

Appeals to the Board: **81**

Final dispositions by Board: **20**

Opinions rendered by board members:

Stivers	22
Gardner	21
Cowden	19
Total:	62

Appeals to Court of Appeals:	15
Records sent to court:	13
Court orders final disposition:	0
Court of Appeals opinions:	16

Appeals to Supreme Court:	6
Court orders final disposition:	2
Supreme Court opinions:	15

Office of General Counsel

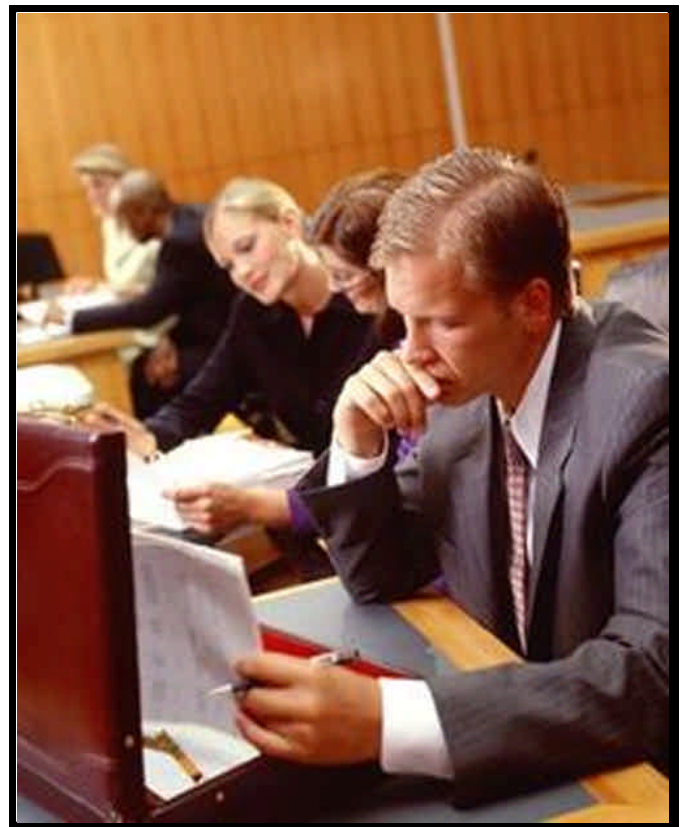
The Office of General Counsel received **201** Enforcement citation cases for this quarter.

23 UCP cases

1 Fraud case

Enforcement fine and penalties collected: **\$277,163.51**

Show Cause fines and penalties collected: **\$18,000.00**



QUARTERLY ACTIVITY

Lost Time First Reports of Injury	6,811	Dismissals	187
Claims Assigned	1,356	Re-openings (medical)	247
Pre-litigated Agreements	1,066	Re-openings (overruled)	19
Awards	152	Re-openings (sustained)	41
Agreements	931	Re-openings (motion docket)	236

Distribution by Body Part (Top Ten)

Claims

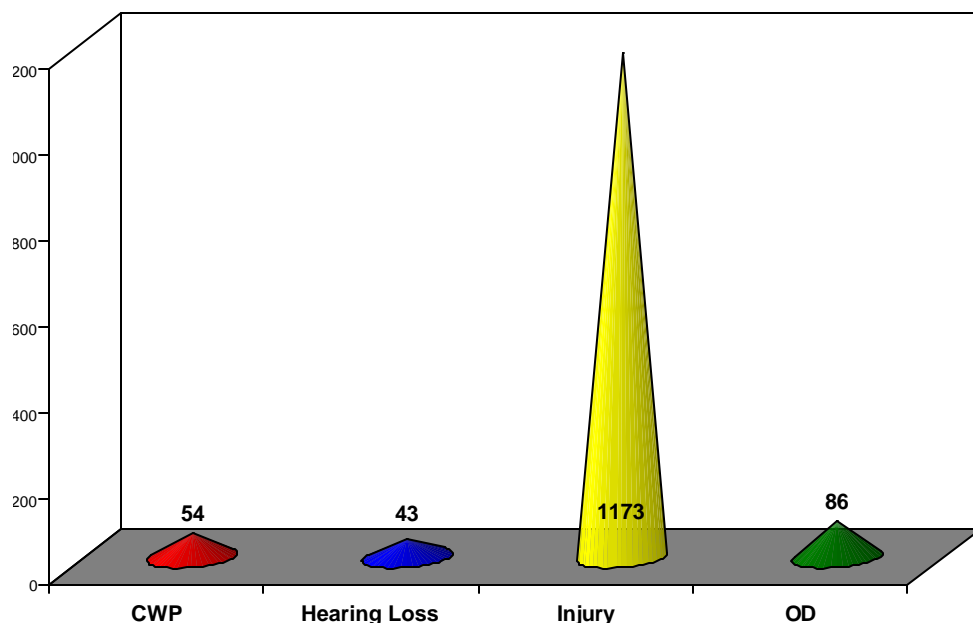
Lower Back	259
Multiple Body Parts Including Systems	257
Shoulder	107
Knee	104
Disc	48
Lungs	48
Ears	45
Wrist	43
Multiple Upper Extremities	30
Lower Leg	29



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Lower Back	1,119
Multiple Body Parts Including Systems	849
Knee	754
Shoulder	505
Fingers	375
Ankle	308
Hand	302
Wrist	290
Foot	243
Abdomen Including Groin	208

Distribution of Claims by Type



Claims figures are based on date of filing.

Top 10 Causes of Injury Claims

Fall or Slip	309
Lifting	210
Strained or Injured By	119
Motor Vehicle	115
Repetitive Motion	76
Falling or Flying Object	68
Pushing/Pulling	67
Absorption/Ingestion	62
Continual Noise	40
Other Injury (NOC)	34

Distribution of Claims by Industry

	Claims	First Reports
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	16	182
Mining	230	318
Construction	113	531
Manufacturing	279	1,134
Public Utilities & Transportation	136	607
Wholesale Trade	40	280
Retail Trade	145	1,066
Finances, Insurance and Real Estate	14	106
Services	305	2,103
Public Administration	57	458
Unclassified	16	26

Division of Claims Processing

Claims Assignment

New claims	966
New claims to the judges	1,194
Motion docket cases	298

Case Files Section

Reopenings to Motion Docket was **637**.
 Total files returned for the period Oct-Dec, 2008 was **1,066**.
 Number of cases purged was **1,100**.

Agreements

First report agreements	1,143
Lump sum settlements	181
Approved agreements	914
Requests for widow's benefits	57

Division of Ombudsmen and Workers' Compensation Specialists Services

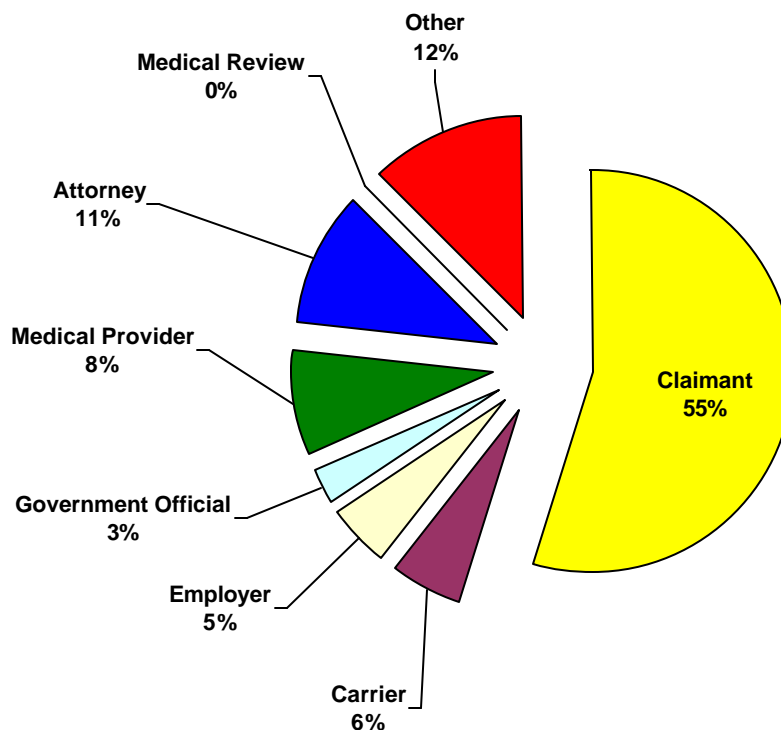
Mediation

Intervention Requests: **205**
 Intervention Completed Successfully: **67**

Claims

Claims filed: **2**
 Number of other forms assistance: **14**

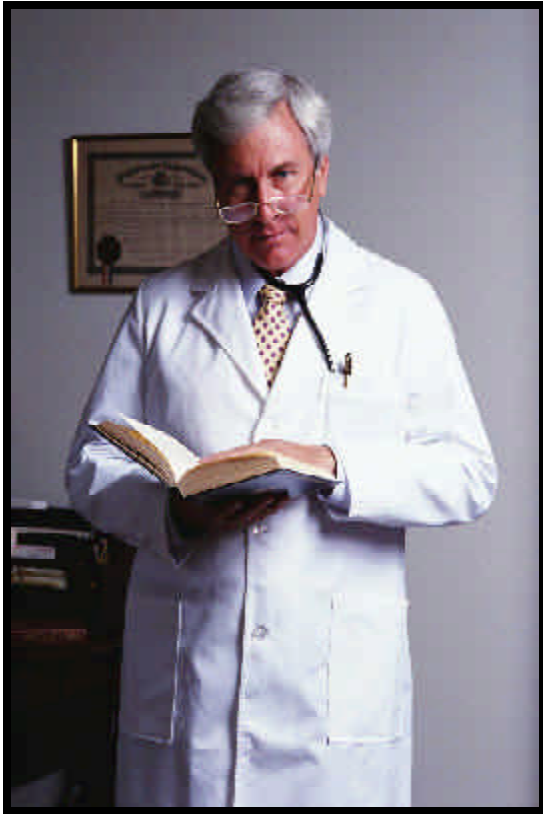
Sources of Request of Assistance



Medical Evaluations

The number of shipments to B-reader's for HB 348 during the 4th quarter of 2008:

1st B-reader: 12
2nd B-reader: 11
3rd B-reader: 18
Total: **41**



University of KY	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08
Asbestosis	0	1	1
Respiratory	2	0	1
All other OD	2	2	0
Hearing Loss	9	7	8
Injury & Dermatitis	5	4	4
TOTAL	18	14	14
University of UL	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08
Silicosis	2	0	0
Respiratory	1	0	0
Hearing Loss	1	4	1
Injury & Dermatitis	3	0	1
TOTAL	7	4	2

Vocational Rehabilitation

Cases referred by ALJ's: **20**
Number of claimants requesting training: **0**
Number of claimants approved for training: **2**
Number of claimants who returned to work: **9**

Division of Security & Compliance

Self-Insurance Branch

The Self-Insurance Branch reviews the financial strength of individual self-insured employers and determines the surety requirements necessary to cover their outstanding workers' compensation liabilities. Self-Insurance auditors utilize independent resources such as business periodicals, regional and national newspapers and internet business sites to monitor the financial condition of self-insurers. Currently, there are 151 self-insured companies in the state of Kentucky.

Enforcement Branch

	October	November	December	Totals
Investigations	1,174	702	729	2,605
Citations Issued	65	72	84	221
Penalties Collected	\$84,414.34	\$84,073.33	\$110,100.84	\$278,588.51
Form 4's Processed	418	321	398	1,137

Coverage Branch

Transactions processed 388,567

Acceptance Rate 77%



The Technical Support & Design and Development Section

The Technical Support & Design and Development Section respond to all technical, networking and programming needs for the Department of Workers' Claims. Technical Services Section responded to 553 requests and 314 Helpdesk issues were completed.



Design and Development's Major Projects Completed and/or Activity

Design and Development Section maintained and supported the SIMBA, EDI and POC programs. Staff completed 112 Test Track issues and received 106 new issues for this quarter. Trading partner vendors were assisted with EDI transmittals. EDI build 1.5.2 was implemented. EDI Newsletter was sent out via e-mail to our vendors notifying them of upcoming program changes with EDI. Staff implemented two POC Importer Builds 1.0.4 & 1.0.5. There were five SIMBA builds, one SIMBA Data Update, and one Data Cleanup installed. Design and Development staff held a SIMBA training session with Administrative Law Judge staff. Design and Development staff met with Labor IT staff to discuss Web Internet project. SIMBA form letters and letterhead templates were modified to reflect Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge. Staff completed program modifications to switch over to the 2009 new year in SIMBA, EDI and Citation numbers. Section staff ran queries for in-house staff when requesting specific data from SIMBA.

